

(5) *Engraving.* The name of the recipient and the year of attainment will be engraved on the reverse of the metal pendant.

(f) *Excellence in Competition Badge*—(1) *Purpose.* Excellence in Competition Badges are awarded to individuals in recognition of an eminent degree of achievement in target practice firing with the standard military service rifle or pistol.

(2) *Types of badges.* Types of badges and criteria for award are under revision. When finalized, they will be published in a change to this section.

(3) *Eligibility requirements.* The number of badges which will be awarded in recognition of achievement in the National Matches, the All-Army Championships, Major Command Competitions, or in National Rifle Association Regional Championships will depend primarily upon the number of “non-distinguished” participants in the match. In all competitions except those included in the National Matches the badge will be awarded only for excellence in individual competition. In the National Matches the badge may be awarded for achievement in both individual and team competition. The conditions governing eligibility for award of the badge in the National Matches are prescribed by the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice in joint regulations entitled “Rules and Regulations for National Matches”. Comparable badges will be awarded to civilians by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship in accordance with regulations prescribed by the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. A badge for excellence in competition in a match conducted subsequent to 1947 will be awarded only to a person whose score in authorized competition constitutes a credit toward a distinguished designation badge. The determination as to whether a badge for excellence in competition which has been awarded for achievement in a match conducted prior to 1948 may be considered toward the award of a distinguished designation badge will be in accordance with Army Regulations in effect at the time such match was conducted.

(4) *Limit on award.* (i) In no case will an individual be awarded more than

one badge of each type. Credits will be given in lieu of additional awards of the same badge.

(ii) Individuals who have either qualified for or attained the distinguished designation are ineligible for further awards of this badge. Any such individual who fraudulently accepts an additional award of the Excellence in Competition Badge when he is aware of his eligibility for distinguished designation, or has been designated as a Distinguished Rifleman or Distinguished Pistol Shot will be subject to revocation of the award.

(5) *Who may award*—(i) *To Army personnel in active service.* Commanding General, United States Continental Army Command. Copies of letters of authorization will be forwarded to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPF, for record purposes.

(ii) *To all others.* The Adjutant General, upon recommendation of the Commanding General, United States Continental Army Command, or the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, as appropriate.

(g) *President's Hundred Tab.* A President's Hundred Tab is awarded to each person who qualified among the top 100 successful contestants in the President's Match held annually at the National Rifle Matches.

## PART 581—PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD

Sec.

581.1 Army Disability Review Board.

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AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. 1552, 1553, 1554, 3012; 38 U.S.C. 3103a.

### § 581.1 Army Disability Review Board.

(a) *General provisions*—(1) *Constitution, purpose, and jurisdiction of review board.*

(i) The Army Disability Review Board (called the review board in this section) is an administrative agency created within the Department of the Army under authority of section 302, title I, Act of June 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 284), as amended by section 4, Act of December 28, 1945 (59 Stat. 623), to review, at the request of any officer retired or released from active service,



without pay, for physical disability pursuant to the decision of a retiring board or disposition board, the findings and decisions of such board. The review board is charged with the duty, in cases within its jurisdiction, of ascertaining whether an applicant for review who was separated from the service or released to inactive service, without pay, for physical disability, incurred such physical disability in line of duty or as an incident of the service. When the review board determines in an individual case within its jurisdiction that physical disability was so incurred, it is authorized in the manner prescribed by this memorandum, to reverse prior findings in such regard and to make such findings in lieu thereof as are warranted by the evidence or pertinent regulations. Such remedial action is intended primarily to insure that no officer separated from the service or returned to an inactive status without pay, for disability, shall be deprived unjustly of retirement pay benefits, or retired status and retired pay, as the case may be, by reason of erroneous findings.

(ii) The class of officers whose cases are reviewable shall include officers of the Army of the United States, other than officers of the Regular Army, who were discharged or released to inactive service under the conditions prescribed in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section; and former officers of the Regular Army who were wholly retired under section 1252, Revised Statutes.

(iii) The review board is authorized, upon timely application therefor, to review the proceedings and findings of boards referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section; and to receive additional evidence bearing on the causes and service-connection of disabilities in the cases of officers referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this section, whose cases were the subject of findings by a retiring or disposition board, and who were separated from the service or released to inactive service, without pay, by reason of physical disability, whether denial of retirement or retirement pay benefits, as the case may be, was pursuant to the adverse findings of a board, or was pursuant to administrative action in a case where there was favorable action by a board.

(iv) In carrying out its duties under this memorandum such review board shall have the same powers as exercised by, or vested in, the board whose findings and decisions are being reviewed.

(2) *Application for review.* (i) Any officer desiring a review of his case will make a written application therefor on WD AGO Form 0258 (Application for Review of Army Retiring Board Proceedings) which may be obtained from The Adjutant General, Washington, DC 20310, Attention: AGPO-S-D.

(ii) No application for review will be granted unless received by the Department of the Army within 15 years after the date on which such officer was separated from the service or released to inactive service, without pay, for physical disability, or within 15 years after June 22, 1944, whichever date is the later.

(iii) The Adjutant General, upon receipt of an application for review, will note thereon the time of receipt thereof and will, in cases where the jurisdiction for review by the review board is established, assemble the originals or certified copies of all available Department of the Army and/or other record pertaining to the health and physical condition of the applicant, including the record of the proceedings and findings of all retiring and disposition boards in question and the records of all administration and/or executive action taken thereon. Such records, together with the application and any supporting documents submitted therewith, will be transmitted to the president of the review board.

(3) *Changes in procedure of review board.* The review board may initiate recommendation for such changes in procedures as established herein as may be deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the review board. Such changes will be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Army.

(b) *Proceedings of review board—*(1) *Convening of review board.* (i) The review board will be convened at the call of its president and will recess or adjourn at his order. In the event of the absence or incapacity of the president, the next senior member will serve as acting president for all purposes.



(ii) Unless otherwise directed by its president, the review board will convene in Washington, DC, at the time and place indicated by him.

(iii) The review board will assemble in open session for the consideration and determination of cases presented to it. After the conclusion of such hearing, the review board will as soon as practicable thereafter convene in closed session for determination.

(2) *Hearings.* (i) An applicant for review, upon request, is entitled by law to appear before the review board in open session either in person or by counsel of his own selection. Witnesses shall be permitted to present testimony either in person or by affidavit. As used in the regulations in this part the term "counsel" shall be construed to include members of the Federal bar, the bar of any state, accredited representatives of veterans' organizations recognized by the Veterans' Administration under section 200 of the Act of June 29, 1936 (49 Stat. 2031), and such other persons who, in the opinion of the review board, are considered to be competent to present equitably and comprehensively the claim of the applicant for review. In no case will the expenses or compensation of counsel for the applicant be paid by the Government.

(ii) In every case in which a hearing is authorized, the secretary will transmit to the applicant and to designated counsel for the applicant, if any, a written notice by registered mail stating the time and place of hearing. Such notice shall be mailed at least 30 days in advance of the date on which the case is set for hearing except in cases in which the applicant waives the right of personal appearance and/or representation by counsel. Such notice shall constitute compliance with the requirement of notice to applicant and his counsel. The record shall contain the certificate of the secretary that written notice was given applicant and his counsel, if any, and the time and manner thereof.

(iii) An applicant who requests a hearing and who, after being duly notified of the time and place of hearing, fails to appear at the appointed time, either in person or by counsel, or, in

writing, waives his right to appear, thereby waives such right.

(iv) In the conduct of its inquiries, the review board shall not be limited by the restrictions of common law rules of evidence.

(v) In the case wherein it is advisable and practicable, the review board may, at the request of the examiner, or upon its own motion, request The Surgeon General to detail one or more medical officers to make physical examination of the applicant, if available, and report their findings resulting from such examination with respect to the matters at issue, either in person or by affidavit. When testifying in person at a hearing, such medical witnesses will be subject to cross-examination. Similarly the medical members of the board may examine the applicant, if available, and testify as witnesses concerning the results of such examination.

(vi) Expenses incurred by the applicant, his witnesses, or in the procurement of their testimony, whether in person, by affidavit or by deposition will not be paid by the Government.

(3) *Continuances.* The review board may continue a hearing on its own motion. A request for continuance by the examiner or by or on behalf of the applicant may be granted, if in the board's discretion, a continuance appears necessary to insure a full and fair hearing.

(c) *Findings, conclusions, and directions—(1) Findings, conclusions, and directions of review board.* (i) The review board will make written findings in closed session in each case. Such findings will include:

(a) Statement of complete findings of the retiring or disposition board and of administrative action subsequent thereto in the proceedings under review;

(b) A finding affirming or reversing the findings of such retiring or disposition board or such administrative action, specifying which of the findings or administrative actions are affirmed and which are reversed.

(ii) In the event the review board reverses any of such original findings or administrative actions, the review board will then make complete findings which shall include the affirmed



findings of the original board or of administrative action subsequent thereto. Such complete findings shall include the following:

(a) Whether the applicant was permanently incapacitated for active service at the time of his separation from the service or release to inactive service.

(b) The cause or causes of the incapacity.

(c) The approximate date of origin of each incapacitating defect.

(d) The date officer became incapacitated for active service.

(e) Whether the cause or causes of the incapacity was or was not an incident of service.

(f) Whether the cause or causes of the incapacity had been permanently aggravated by military service.

(g) Whether such incapacity for active service was or was not the result of an incident of service.

(h) Whether the officer's incapacity was or was not incurred in combat with an enemy of the United States or whether it did or did not result from an explosion of an instrumentality of war in line of duty.

(iii) In the event the review board finds the officer permanently incapacitated for active service and that the incapacity was an incident of service, it will make an additional finding specifying the grade in which the officer is entitled to be retired or to be certified for retirement pay benefits.

(iv) The findings, conclusions, and directions of a majority of the review board shall constitute the findings, conclusions, and directions of the review board, and when made, will be signed by each member of the review board who concurs therein, filed, and authenticated by the secretary.

(d) *Disposition of and action upon proceedings*—(1) *Record of proceedings.* (i) When the review board has concluded its proceedings in any case, the secretary will prepare a complete record thereof. Such record shall include the application for review; a transcript of the hearing if any; affidavits, papers and documents considered by the review board; all briefs and written arguments filed in the case; the report of the examiner; the findings, conclusions, and directions of the review board; any minority report prepared by

dissenting members of the review board; and all other papers and documents necessary to reflect a true and complete history of the proceedings. The record so prepared will be signed by the president of the review board and authenticated by its secretary as being true and complete. In the event of the absence or incapacity of the secretary, the record may be authenticated by a second participating member of the review board.

(ii) All records of proceedings of the review board shall be confidential, except that upon written request from the applicant, his guardian or legal representative, The Adjutant General will furnish a copy of the proceedings of the review board, less any exhibits which it may be found impracticable to reproduce out which will include:

(a) A copy of the order appointing the board.

(b) The findings of the Army retiring board affirmed.

(c) The findings of the Army retiring board reversed.

(d) The findings of the review board.

(e) The conclusions which were made by the review board.

(f) The directions of the Secretary of the Army.

If it should appear that furnishing such information would prove injurious to the physical or mental health of the applicant, such information will be furnished only to the guardian or legal representative of the applicant. The Adjutant General, subject to the foregoing restrictions, will make available for inspection, upon request of the applicant, his guardian or legal representative, a record of the proceedings of any case reviewed by the review board, but copies of the proceedings of any case heard prior to January 4, 1946, will not be furnished if such copies are not readily available.

(2) *Final action by review board.* When the review board has completed the proceedings and has arrived at its decision, the proceedings, together with the review board's decision, will be transmitted to The Adjutant General for appropriate Department of the Army action. The Adjutant General, in the name of the President of the United States, will indicate on the record of such proceedings and decision the



President's approval or disapproval of the action of the review board, and will perform such administrative acts as may be necessary and thereafter will notify the applicant and/or his counsel of the action taken. Written notice, specifying the action taken and the date thereof, will be transmitted by The Adjutant General to the president of the review board to be filed by the secretary as a part of the records of the board pertaining to each case.

(e) *Rehearings*—(1) *Policy on the granting of rehearings*. After the review board has reviewed a case and its findings and decision have been approved, the case will normally not be reconsidered except on the basis of new, pertinent, and material evidence, which if previously considered could reasonably be expected to have caused findings and a decision other than those rendered as the result of the original review. An application for rehearing must be made within a reasonable time after the discovery of the new evidence, mentioned in this subparagraph, and the request for rehearing must be accompanied by such new evidence and by a showing that the applicant was duly diligent in attempting to secure all available evidence for presentation to the review board when his case was previously reviewed and that the reason for the delay in discovering such new evidence was not due to fault or neglect on the part of the applicant.

(2) *Application for rehearing*. Any officer desiring a rehearing of his case will make a written application therefor on WD AGO Form 0413 (Application for Review of Findings of the Army Disability Review Board) which may be obtained from The Adjutant General, Washington, DC 20310, Attention: AGPO-S-D.

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#### § 581.2 Army Discharge Review Board.

(a) *Purpose*. This regulation implements 10 U.S.C. 1553, Pub. L. 95-126, and DOD Directive 1332.28 (app. A).

(b) *Explanation of terms*—(1) *Legal consultant of the Army Discharge Review Board (ADRB)*. An officer of The Judge Advocate General's Corps assigned to the ADRB to provide opinions and

guidance on legal matters relating to ADRB functions.

(2) *Medical consultant of the ADRB*. An officer of the Army Medical Corps assigned to the ADRB to provide opinions and guidance on medical matters relating to ADRB functions.

(3) *Video tape hearing*. A hearing conducted by an ADRB hearing examiner at which an applicant is given the opportunity to present his/her appeal to the hearing examiner, with the entire presentation, including cross-examination by the hearing examiner, recorded on video tape. This video tape presentation is later displayed to a full ADRB panel. Video tape hearings will be conducted only with the consent of the applicant and with the concurrence of the President of the ADRB.

(c) *Composition and responsibilities*—(1) *Authority*. The ADRB is established under Pub. L. 95-126 and 10 U.S.C. 1553 and is responsible for the implementation of the Discharge Review Board (DRB) procedures and standards within DA.

(2) *The ADRB president*. The president is designated by the Secretary of the Army (SA). The President—

(i) Is responsible for the operation of the ADRB.

(ii) Prescribes the operating procedures of the ADRB.

(iii) Designates officers to sit on panels.

(iv) Schedules panels to hear discharge review appeals.

(v) Monitors the DOD directed responsibilities of the SA on service discharge review matters for the DOD.

(3) *ADRB panels and members*. The ADRB will have one or more panels. Each panel, when in deliberation, will consist of five officers. The senior officer (or as designated by the president ADRB) will act as the presiding officer.

(4) *Secretary Recorder (SR) Branch*. The Chief, SR—

(i) Ensures the efficient overall operation and support of the ADRB panels.

(ii) Authenticates the case report and directives of cases heard.

(5) *Secretary Recorder*. The SR is an officer assigned to the SR Branch whose duties are to—

(i) Schedule, coordinate, and arrange for panel hearings at a designated site.



(ii) Administer oaths to applicants and witnesses under Article 136 UCMJ.

(iii) Ensure that the proceedings of the cases heard and recorded into the case report and directive of cases.

(6) *Administrative Specialist.* An Administrative Specialist is an enlisted member assigned to the SR Branch whose duties are to—

(i) Assist the SR in arranging panel hearings.

(ii) Operate and maintain video and video recording equipment.

(iii) Aid the SR in the administrative operations of the panels.

(7) *Administrative personnel.* Such administrative personnel as are required for the proper functions of the ADRB and its panels will be furnished by the SA.

(d) *Special standards.* (1) Under the November 27, 1979, order of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in "Giles v. Secretary of the Army" (Civil Action No. 77-0904), a former Army service member is entitled to an honorable discharge if a less than honorable discharge was issued to the service member who was discharged before 1 January 1975 as a result of an administrative proceeding in which the Army introduced evidence developed by or as a direct or indirect result of compelled urinalysis testing administered for the purpose of identifying drug abusers (either for the purpose of entry into a treatment program or to monitor progress through rehabilitation or follow up).

(2) Applicants who believe they fall within the scope of paragraph (d)(1) of this section should place the work CATEGORY "G" in block 7, DD Form 293, (Application for Review of Discharge or Dismissal from the Armed Forces of the United States). Such applications will be reviewed expeditiously by a designated official who will either send the individual an honorable discharge certificate if the individual falls within the scope of paragraph (d)(1) of this section or forward the application to the ADRB if the individual does not fall within the scope of paragraph (d)(1) of this section. The action of the designated official will not constitute an action or decision by the ADRB.

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### §581.3 Army Board for Correction of Military Records.

(a) *Purpose.* This section establishes procedures for making application, and the consideration of applications, for the corrections of military records by the Secretary of the Army acting through the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (hereinafter referred to as the Board).

(b) *Establishment, functions, and jurisdiction of the Board—*(1) *Establishment and composition.* (i) Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1552, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records is established in the Office of the Secretary of the Army.

(ii) The Board will consist of civilian officers or employees of the Department of the Army in such number, not less than three, as may be appointed by the Secretary of the Army. Three members present will constitute a quorum of the Board. The Secretary of the Army will designate one member as the Chairman. In the event of absence or incapacity of the Chairman, an Acting Chairman chosen by the Board will act as Chairman for all purposes.

(2) *Function.* The function of the Board is to consider all applications properly before it for the purpose of determining the existence of an error or an injustice.

(3) *Jurisdiction.* The Board will have jurisdiction to review and determine all matters properly brought before it consistent with existing law.

(c) *Application for correction—*(1) *General requirements.* (i) The application for correction should be submitted on DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military or Naval Record) and should be addressed to Army Board for Correction of Military Records, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20310. Forms and explanatory matter may be obtained from The Adjutant General, Washington, DC 20310. For those applicants in the military service, these forms may be obtained through normal AG publications supply channels.

(ii) Except as provided in paragraph (c)(1)(iii) of this section, the application shall be signed by the person requesting corrective action with respect to his record and will either be sworn to or will contain a provision to the effect that the statements submitted in



the application are made with full knowledge of the penalty provided by law for making a false statement or claim (18 U.S.C. 287, 1001).

(iii) When the record in question is that of a person who is incapable of making application himself, or whose whereabouts are unknown, or when such person is deceased, for the purpose of bringing the matter before the Board the application may be made by a spouse, parent, heir, or legal representative. Proof of proper interest shall be submitted as may be required by the Board.

(2) *Time limit for filing application.* A claimant, his heir, or legal representative must file the application for correction of a record within 3 years after discovery of the alleged error or injustice. Failure to file within the time prescribed may be excused by the Board if it finds it would be in the interest of justice to do so. If the claimant, his heir, or legal representative files an application more than 3 years after he discovers the error or injustice, he must include in his application his reasons why the Board should find it is in the interest of justice to excuse the failure to file application within the time prescribed in this subparagraph.

(3) *Exhaustion of other remedies.* No application will be considered until the applicant has exhausted all effective administrative remedies afforded him by existing law or regulations, and such legal remedies as the Board shall determine are practical and appropriately available to the applicant.

(4) *Other proceedings not stayed.* The application to the Board for correction of a record will not operate as a stay of any proceedings being taken with respect to the person involved.

(5) *Consideration of application.* (i) Each application and the available military or naval records pertinent to the corrective action requested will be reviewed to determine whether to authorize a hearing, recommend that the records be corrected without a hearing, or to deny the application without a hearing. The Board will make this determination in all cases except those in which the application has been denied administratively for reason that the applicant has not exhausted all other

effective administrative remedies available to him, or for the reason the applicant did not file the application within 3 years after he discovered the alleged error or injustice and did not submit any reason why the Board should find it to be in the interest of justice to excuse the failure to file the application within the prescribed 3 years.

(ii) The Board may deny an application if it determines that insufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice. The Board will not deny an application on the sole ground that the record was made by or at the direction of the President or the Secretary in connection with proceedings other than proceedings of a Board for the correction of military or naval records. Denial of an application on the grounds of insufficient relevant evidence to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice is without prejudice to further consideration in the event new relevant evidence is submitted. The applicant will be informed of his privilege to submit newly discovered relevant evidence for consideration.

(iii) All requests for further consideration may be initially screened by the staff of the Board to determine whether any evidence or other matter (including, but not limited to, any factual allegations or any arguments why the relief should be granted) has been submitted by the applicant that was not in the record at the time of any prior Board consideration. If such evidence or other matter has been submitted, the request will be forwarded to the Board for a determination in accordance with this paragraph. If no such evidence or other matter has been submitted, the applicant will be informed that his/her request was not considered by the Board because it did not contain any evidence or other matter that was not in the record at the time of any previous Board consideration.

(iv) When an original application or a request for further consideration of a previously denied application is denied without a hearing, the Board's determination shall be made in writing and include a brief statement of the grounds for denial.



(v) The brief statement of the grounds for denial shall include the reasons for the determination that relief should not be granted, including the applicant's claims of constitutional, statutory and/or regulatory violations rejected, together with all essential facts upon which the denial is based, including, if applicable, factors required by regulation to be considered for determination of the character of and reasons for a discharge. Attached to the statement shall be any advisory staff opinions considered by the Board not fully set forth in the statement and any minority opinions. Counsel and applicant will be informed that the name and final vote of Board members will be furnished or made available upon request.

(vi) The brief statement of the grounds for denial, together with all attachments, shall be furnished promptly to applicant and counsel. Classified or privileged material contained in or attached to the statement of grounds for denial may be deleted only if a written statement of the basis for the deletion is provided the applicant and counsel.

(d) *Entitlement to hearing*—(1) *General*. In each case in which the Board determines that a hearing is warranted, the applicant will be entitled to appear before the Board either in person or by counsel of his own selection or in person with counsel.

(2) *Notice*. (i) In each case in which a hearing is authorized, the Board will transmit to the applicant and counsel, if any, a written notice stating the time and place of hearing. The notice will be mailed to the applicant and counsel, if any, at least 30 days prior to the date of hearing, except that an earlier date may be set where the applicant waives his right to such notice in writing.

(ii) Upon receipt of notice of hearing, the applicant will notify the Board in writing at least 15 days prior to the date set for hearing as to whether he will be present at the hearing and will indicate to the Board the name of counsel, if represented by counsel, and the names of such witnesses as he may intend to call in his behalf. Cases in which the applicant notifies the Board that he does not desire to be present at

the hearing, will be considered in accordance with paragraph (e)(2)(ii) of this section.

(3) *Counsel*. As used in this section, the term "counsel" will be construed to include members in good standing of the Federal bar or the bar of any State, accredited representatives of veterans' organizations recognized by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs under section 3402 of title 38, United States Code, and such other persons who, in the opinion of the Board, are considered to be competent to present equitably and comprehensively the request of the applicant for correction, unless barred by law.

(4) *Witnesses*. The applicant will be permitted to present witnesses in his behalf at hearings before the Board. It will be the responsibility of the applicant to notify his witnesses and to arrange for their appearance at the time and place set for hearing.

(5) *Access to records*. (i) The applicant will be assured access to all official records that are necessary to an adequate presentation of his case consistent with regulations governing privileged or classified material. It is the responsibility of the applicant to procure such evidence not contained in the official records of the Department of the Army as he desires to present in support of his case.

(ii) The Board shall not release classified material to the applicant or to his counsel or personal representative. In such cases the Board shall take steps in accordance with established regulations to obtain a review of the material to determine whether declassification is possible so that the evidence can be released to the applicant; or if declassification is not possible, prepare or cause to be prepared a summary of the content of such material in sufficient detail, consistent with the interests of national security, to enable the applicant to prepare a response.

(iii) This section does not authorize the furnishing of copies of official records by the Board. Requests for copies of official records should be processed in accordance with AR 345-20.

(e) *Hearing*—(1) *Convening of Board*. The Board will be convened at the call



of the Chairman and will recess or adjourn at his order.

(2) *Conduct of hearing.* (i) The hearing will be conducted by the Chairman, and will be subject to his rulings so as to insure a full and fair hearing. The Board will not be limited by legal rules of evidence but will maintain reasonable bounds of competency, relevancy, and materiality.

(ii) If the applicant, after being duly notified, has indicated to the Board that he does not desire to be present or to be represented by counsel at the hearing, the Board will consider the case on the basis of all the material before it, including, but not limited to, the application for correction filed by the applicant, any documentary evidence filed in support of such application, any brief submitted by or in behalf of the applicant, and all available pertinent records.

(iii) If the applicant, after being duly notified has indicated to the Board that he will be present or be represented by counsel at the hearing, and without good cause and timely notice to the Board, he or his representative fails to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, the Board may consider the case in accordance with paragraph (e)(2)(ii) of this section, or will make such other disposition of the case as is indicated under the circumstances.

(iv) All testimony before the Board will be given under oath or affirmation. The proceedings of the Board and the testimony given before it will be recorded verbatim.

(3) *Continuance.* The Board may continue a hearing on its own motion. A request for continuance by or in behalf of the applicant may be granted by the Board if a continuance appears necessary to insure a full and fair hearing.

(f) *Action on applications—(1) Action by the Board—(i) Deliberations, findings, conclusions, and recommendations.* (a) Only members of the Board and its staff will be present during the deliberations of the Board.

(b) Whenever, during the course of its review of the case, it appears to the Board's satisfaction that the facts have not been fully and fairly disclosed by the records or by the testimony and other evidence before the Board, the

Board may require the applicant to obtain, or the Board may obtain, such further information as it may consider essential to a complete and impartial determination of the facts and issues.

(c) Following a hearing, the Board will make written findings, conclusions, and recommendations. The name and final vote of each Board member will be recorded. A majority vote of the members present on any matter before the Board will constitute the action of the Board and will be so recorded.

(d) Where the Board deems it necessary to submit comments or recommendations to the Secretary of the Army as to matters arising from but not directly related to, the issues of any case, such comments or recommendations will be the subject of separate communication.

(ii) *Minority report.* In case of a disagreement between members of the Board a minority report may be submitted, either as to the findings, conclusions, or the recommendations or to all, including the reasons therefor.

(iii) *Record of proceedings.* When the Board has completed its proceedings, a record thereof will be prepared. Such record will indicate whether or not a quorum was present at the hearing and at the Board's deliberations. The record will include the application for relief, a transcript of any testimony, affidavits, papers, and documents considered by the Board, briefs and written arguments filed in the case, the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Board, and all other papers, documents, and reports necessary to reflect a true and complete history of the proceedings. The record so prepared will be certified by the Chairman or his designee as being true and complete.

(iv) *Withdrawal.* The Board may permit an applicant to withdraw his application without prejudice at any time before its proceedings are forwarded to the Secretary of the Army.

(2) *Action by Secretary of Army.* The record of proceedings of the Board, except in cases finalized by the Board under authority delegated in paragraph (f)(1)(v) of this section or those denied the Board without a hearing, will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Army who will direct such action in



each case as he determines to be appropriate, which may include the return of the record to the Board for further consideration when deemed necessary. If the Secretary's decision is to deny relief, such decision shall be in writing and, unless he expressly adopts in whole or in part the findings, conclusions and recommendation of the Board, shall include a brief statement of the grounds for denial. See paragraph (c)(5)(v) of this section.

(3) *Staff action.* (i) Upon final action by the Secretary of the Army the complete record in each case will be returned to the Board. The Board will transmit the decision of the Secretary of the Army to The Adjutant General for appropriate action.

(ii) Upon receipt of the record of proceedings after final action by the Secretary of the Army, or by the Board acting under the authority contained in paragraph (f)(1)(v) of this section, the Board will communicate the decision to the applicant and counsel.

(a) If the recommendation of the Board was to deny relief or if the final decision of the Secretary or the Board was to deny relief, the following material will be made available to the applicant and counsel:

(1) A statement of the findings, conclusions and recommendations made by the Board;

(2) Any advisory staff opinions considered by the Board or the reviewing authority;

(3) The name and final vote of each Board member;

(4) Any minority reports; and

(5) Any material prepared by the Secretary of the Army as required in paragraph (f)(2) of this section. To the extent that any of the above material consists of classified or otherwise privileged matters, deletions may be made only if a written statement of the basis therefore is provided the applicant and counsel.

(b) If the final decision was other than to deny relief, the applicant and counsel are entitled, upon request, to receive a copy of the Board's findings, conclusions and recommendations.

(iii) When all necessary administrative action has been completed the applicant will be informed of such action by The Adjutant General.

(iv) Written notice specifying the action taken and the date thereof will be transmitted to the Chairman of the Board.

(v) The record of the decision of the Secretary of the Army will not be filed in the military records of the subject of the application where the effect of such action would be to nullify the relief granted.

(vi) After action by the Secretary of the Army on the record, the applicant or his counsel is entitled, upon request, to inspect the record of proceedings and to receive a copy of the Board's findings, conclusions, and recommendations, unless the Chairman considers that granting the request would be detrimental to the public interest.

(4) *Reconsideration.* After final adjudication, further consideration will be granted only upon presentation by the applicant of newly discovered relevant evidence not previously considered by the Board and then only upon recommendation of the Board and approval by the Secretary of the Army.

(g) *Settlement of claims—(1) Authority.*

(i) The Department of the Army is authorized to pay claims in accordance with section 1552, title 10, United States Code.

(ii) The Department of the Army is not authorized to pay any claim theretofore compensated by Congress through enactment of a private law, or to pay any amount as compensation for any benefit to which the claimant might subsequently become entitled under the laws and regulations administered by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

(2) *Application for settlement.* (i) Settlement and payment of claims will be made only upon a claim of the person whose record has been corrected or of his legal representative, his heirs at law or his beneficiaries. Such claim for settlement and payment may be filed as a separate part of the application for correction of the record.

(ii) In case the person whose record has been corrected is deceased, and where no demand is presented by a duly appointed legal representative of the estate, payments otherwise due shall be made to the surviving spouse,



heir, or beneficiaries, in the order prescribed by the law applicable to that kind of payment; or if there is no such law covering order of payment, in the order set forth in section 2771 of title 10, United States Code; or as otherwise prescribed by the law applicable to that kind of payment.

(iii) Upon request, the applicant or applicants will be required to furnish requisite information to determine their status as proper parties to the claim for purposes of payment under applicable provisions of law.

(3) *Settlement.* (i) Settlement of claims shall be based on the decision of the Secretary of the Army. Computation of the amounts due shall be made by the Finance Center, U.S. Army, Indianapolis, Ind. 46249. In no case will the amount found due exceed the amount which would otherwise have been paid or have become due under applicable laws had no error or injustice occurred. Earnings received from civilian employment during any period for which active duty pay and allowances are payable will be deducted from the settlement. To the extent authorized by law and regulations, amounts found due may be reduced by the amount of any existing indebtedness to the Government, arising from military service.

(ii) Prior to or at the time of payment, the person or persons to whom payments are to be made shall be advised by the Finance Center, U.S. Army, as to the nature and amount of the various benefits represented by the total settlement, and shall be advised further that acceptance of such settlement shall constitute a complete release by the claimants involved of any claim against the United States on account of the correction of the record.

(4) *Report of settlement.* In every case where payment is made, the amount of such payment and the names of the payee or payees will be reported to the Chairman of the Board.

(h) *Miscellaneous—(1) Staff assistance.* (i) At the request of the Board, The Adjutant General will assemble the original or certified copies of all available military records pertinent to the relief requested. Such records and all supporting papers will be transmitted to the Board.

(ii) The Board is authorized to call upon the Office of the Secretary of the Army and the Department of the Army General and Special Staffs for investigative and advisory services and upon any other Department of the Army agency for assistance, within the specialized jurisdiction of that agency.

(2) *Expenses.* No expenses of any nature whatsoever, voluntarily incurred by the applicant, his counsel, his witnesses, or by any other person in his behalf will be paid by the Government.

(3) *Changes in procedures.* The Board may initiate recommendations for such changes in procedures as established herein as may be considered necessary for the proper functioning of the Board. Such changes will be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Army and of the Secretary of Defense.

(4) *Index of Cases.* Documents sent to each applicant and counsel in accordance with paragraphs (c)(5)(v) and (f)(3) of this section, together with the record of the votes of board members and all other statements of findings, conclusions and recommendations made on final determination of an application by the Board or the Secretary of the Army will be indexed and promptly made available for public inspection and copying at a reading room within the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

(i) The index prepared shall be in a usable and concise form so as to indicate the grounds for which the Board and/or Secretary granted or denied relief. This index shall be published quarterly and shall be distributed by sale or otherwise. In addition, it shall be available for inspection and distribution at the reading room in the Washington, DC area.

(ii) *Deletions.* To the extent necessary to prevent a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, identifying details of the applicant and other persons will be deleted from the documents made available for public inspection and copying. Names, addresses, social security numbers and military service numbers must be deleted. Deletions of other information which may result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or which is privileged or classified may be made only if a written statement of the



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basis for such deletion is made available for public inspection.

(5) *Special Standards.* (i) Pursuant to the November 27, 1979 order of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in *Giles v. Secretary of the Army* (Civil Action No. 77-0904), a former Army servicemember is entitled to an honorable discharge if a less than honorable discharge was issued to the servicemember in an administrative proceeding in which the Army introduced evidence developed by or as a direct or indirect result of compelled urinalysis testing administered for the purpose of identifying drug abusers (either for the purposes of entry into a treatment program or to monitor progress through rehabilitation or follow-up).

(ii) Applicants who believe that they fall within the scope of paragraph (h)(5)(i) of this section, should place the word Category "G" in block (11), DD Form 149, Application for Correction of Military or Naval Record. Such applications shall be reviewed expeditiously by a designated official who will either send the individual an honorable discharge certificate if the individual falls within the scope of paragraph (h)(5)(i) of this section, or forward the application to the Discharge Review Board if the individual does not fall within the scope of paragraph (h)(5)(i) of this section. The action of the designated official shall not constitute an action or decision by the Board for the Correction of Military Records.

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### PART 583—FORMER PERSONNEL [RESERVED]

### PART 584—FAMILY SUPPORT, CHILD CUSTODY, AND PATERNITY

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#### § 584.1 General.

(a) *Purpose.* This regulation sets forth the Department of the Army (DA) policy, responsibilities, and procedures on—

(1) Support and nonsupport of family members.

(2) Child custody.

(3) Paternity claims.

(4) Adoption proceedings involving the children of soldiers.

(b) *References.* Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in appendix A.

(c) *Explanation of abbreviations and terms.* Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

(d) *Responsibilities.* (1) The Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel will set policy for processing—

(i) Nonsupport complaints.

(ii) Child custody complaints.

(iii) Paternity claims.

(iv) Requests on adoption proceedings of children of soldiers.

(2) The Commanding General (CG), U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center (USACFSC) will—

(i) Set procedures for processing the following:

(A) Nonsupport complaints.

(B) Child custody complaints.

(C) Paternity claims.

(D) Requests regarding adoption proceedings of children of soldiers.

(ii) Process nonsupport complaints, child custody complaints, and paternity claims received at USACFSC regarding Army soldiers.

(iii) Carry out the objectives of this regulation to protect the rights of the soldier, the family, and the interests of the Army.

(iv) Advise and assist the heads of Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) agencies, commanders of the major Army commands, and other